

Unit 15

Day 2

The Remainder Theorem

Remainder Theorem: If the polynomial $P(x)$ is divided by $x-k$, the remainder is $P(k)$

1) $P(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 - 5x - 84$ $\div x = -5$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \overline{) 1 \quad 8 \quad -5 \quad -84} \\ \underline{-5 \quad -15 \quad 100} \\ 1 \quad 3 \quad -20 \quad 16 \end{array}$$

$$P(-5) = 16$$

$$P(-5) = (-5)^3 + 8(-5)^2 - 5(-5) - 84 = 16$$

For each polynomial, use the remainder theorem and synthetic division for find $f(k)$.

2)

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x - 12 \quad k = -2$$

$$\div (x + 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= 2(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 8(-2) - 12 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 2 & 3 & -8 & -12 \\ & & -4 & 2 & 12 \\ \hline & 2 & -1 & -6 & 0 \end{array}$$

When is the remainder theorem useful?

Is $P(x) = -2x^{19} + 8x^{17} - 6x^{10} + x^8 + 12$ divisible by $x-2$?

Is $P(x) = x^{26} - 6x^{18} + 3$ divisible by $x-i$?

Extra problems:

1) Is $P(x) = x^{99} - 2x^{52} + x^2$ divisible by $x+1$?

2) Is $P(x) = x^{101} + 3x^{20} + x^3$ divisible by $x-i$?

3) Find the value of k so that $(x^2 + 4x + 8) \div (x - k)$ has a remainder of 4.

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